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to hit Visayas  
for a week

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of Chief Justice  
nominees, JBC told

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**Group closely watching**  
Danding's every move

By Nikita Olson  
and Gil C. Cabasagosa Jr.

EDUARDO "DANDING" CULANAGCO A legend in the music industry? "Yes, he is Danding trying to be a legend! For all we know this is just a ploy so that he will be able to get his ex-wife's name on the album of being supported by Danding, the

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**Villar fears**  
insults from  
peers, says  
Ocampo

By Charlene Cayulap  
Inquirer General Issues  
and Christine D. Arendano

SEN. MANUEL VILLAR JR. HAS REFUSED to face his colleagues in the Senate to explain his side on the C-5 road project controversy for fear of being disrespected on the floor, according to Rep. Maria Rosa Sison-Ocampo.

"I advised him to show up during the hearings. However, Villar is not used to questioning, especially by his [political] rivals," Ocampo, who is running as guest senatorial candidate of Villar's Nacionalista Party (NP), said in a letter, Pampanga, on Sunday.

"Baka kumain lang sila diyan, ayawing maganyan yan (They might show me disrespect and I don't want that to happen)," Ocampo quoted Villar as telling him when he brought up the idea with the senator.

He said Villar had insisted to submitting documents to the Senate in

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**Experts seek**  
ways to stop  
nuke terror

By Philip C. Tabasa

A RADIOACTIVE OR "DIRTY BOMB" explodes on a crowded train or inside a sports stadium, killing hundreds. Pads of plutonium are dropped into a water reservoir, poisoning millions.

There are but seven of the "nuclear-armed" scenarios that may confront the world if nuclear weapons fall into the hands of terror groups.

Preventing such a scenario will be on the minds of more than 60 international experts when they gather for a two-day workshop starting today at the New World Hotel in Manila City.

The nuclear nonproliferation workshop will be attended by diplomats and experts from at least 34 countries

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# Public right to info so near, yet so far



**TIGER'S DEN** A woman inspects the different kinds of tiger figurines being sold at a Chinese store in Binondo, Manila. According to the Chinese lunar calendar, the Year of the Tiger begins on Feb. 14.

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**Congress**  
panel OKs  
measure

By Michael Lee-Usher  
and Christine D. Arendano

A BICAMERAL CONFERENCE has approved the proposed Freedom of Information Act, moving a step closer to an enabling law that gives flesh to the rights of citizens to have easy access to information held by the government.

The public right to information was enshrined in the Constitution 23 years ago.

All House members—three senators and eight members of the House of Representatives—signed the amended version of the bill late Friday.

Quezon Rep. Lorenson "Ernie" B. Tabada III, chair of the House committee on human rights, yesterday said the bicameral report should be made for ratification by both chambers this afternoon.

Congress has only three session days left before it takes a three-month break for the election campaign.

Tabada said he "has high expectations that both the Senate and the House will deliver a piece of legislation that has been endorsed in the Constitution but has been wanting of an enabling law—the right of citizens to access to information as a matter of public concern."

Contrary to Senate Majority Leader Rhipud Zaldy's claim, Tabada said all

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# Illegally adopted RP babies traced

By Cathy Yanesan

HUMANITARIAN WORKERS USING DNA tests are offering to help track down Filipino babies illegally sent to Singapore for adoption in offshore countries.

"Women posing as their mothers would go to Singapore using fake identification to make authorities believe that the babies are theirs," said Andrea Aberra, regional coordinator of

the NGO Asia Against Child Trafficking.

"But more in Singapore, the babies are left behind," Aberra told a forum on "DNA-Profile: Using DNA To Help Fight Child Trafficking."

"The trouble is that there are no regulations," Justice Undersecretary Rosendo Montano told reporters on the sidelines of the forum at the University of the Philippines in Diliman, Quezon City.

"Parents also do not know where to go. They do not even know what to do since no one knows where the child went," Montano said.

DNA-Profile is an international humanitarian initiative that establishes and uses the genetic identification of children taken by force in an effort to secure them to their families.

Began in 2004, the effort is headed by two female scientists—Dr. Jose A.

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# Showdown on Supreme Court succession inevitable

By Armand Doronila

SINCE THE RESTORATION OF democracy in 1986, the Philippines has undergone two turbulent transitions of power. During the first People Power Revolution and during EDSA II in 2001, when President Joseph

Estrada stepped down and then Vice President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo took over in a "constitutional" coup backed by the Supreme Court and the Armed Forces.

After nine years of tumultuous presidency, Mr. Arroyo is

stepping down on June 30, also amid controversy, this time over the succession to Chief Justice Reynato Sison, who is due to retire on May 17.

There is irony in the situation: Puno was the author of the landmark Supreme Court deci-

sion that field Estrada had resigned the presidency, following the collapse of his administration, under the now famous doctrine called the "rotating seat."

Under the doctrine, which legitimized the takeover of Mr. Ar-

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# Miss Earth beauties take turns as readers

By Kato V. Padroza  
Inquirer Business

MISS EARTH BEAUTIES ARE taking turns as storytellers in a special series of business Read-Along sessions celebrating nature and the fragile link among all life forms.

In the kickoff session held at the Inquirer office on Saturday, former Miss Philippines-Earth 2009, Bianca Aragon read "The Polar Bears," a story about man-

groves and the dream they face from pollution and improper waste disposal.

The other readers were Olivia Agoncillo, natural resources policy adviser of the US Agency for International Development (USAID); business reporter Rita Ochondra, and Adarna co-sponsor (Syl) Jans.

The session marked the launch of the business Read-Along series aimed at spreading

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**GUEST READER** Miss Earth 2009 Bianca Aragon reads a book to children during the Inquirer's Read-Along session.

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**BACK FROM HAITI** More Filipinos repatriated by the Philippine government from earthquake-ravaged Haiti are warmly welcomed by their relatives upon their arrival at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport.

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## Second FRONTPAGE



## Give GMA the list, Palace tells JBC

By Christine E. Ferguson and Norman Borcherding

GOV. US THE LIST

Malenborg yesterday said the Judicial and Bar Council (JBC) should submit to President Macapagal-Arroyo the list of nominees for the next Chief Justice to spare her the dilemma of more difficult decision-making once the vacancy occurs in May.

Only Office, Deputy President of the organization, yesterday dismissed the controversy over whether or not his group had the power to appoint the new United Nations high commissioner for refugees. "I am not in a position to make any appointments but I can, in fact, say that the President would eventually have to decide on the matter based on the advice of the Security Council," he said in a statement.

"It is my profession that this process be implemented in a timely and orderly manner and I will work closely with everybody involved in this," he said in a statement.

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Legal experts are divided on whether the Act can support conviction during an election period, while legal observers believe the election and coalition is the end of her term.

### Cyber-its introduction

By tradition, the three senior partners had nominated Bill the vacancy. But the next morning, James Crystal had informed the JBC that he was open to a nomination, on the "understanding" that if Anne's nomination would end the appointment.

Cabinet Secretary Shantoku Kato is ill-suited simply to Cope's conditions, saying that it does seem that the nation's health is one of the ABC for whom it is called to stand.

What will happen then is if JNC will again serve other members of the Houston Council and

they also stress that the world made no punishing moves, passed and ignored whose reputations are invaluable," said Doherty, a former British strategist.

Belle quipped that Casper's pronouncement made a "man of" for Mr. Arroyo to pick the new child location.

• If the JNC submits a list, and assuming half one of those nominated, the President will be convinced that the choice is not appointed him. After all, he must accept an appointment.

The ABC itself, however, has delayed a decision on whether to continue to fund the poll.

Former Justice Frederick Vinson, in a recent forum organized by the Supreme Court, appointed justice, which convenes, and the high court in. It even, could stop the 200 from submitting a list of nominees to the Senate.

Wilson and the railroad had a provision over the IBC, and there was a precedent for such a case. In 1908 the Supreme Court ordered the IBC to exclude from its jurisdiction

with the list of companies for the replacement of their American Airlines 747s. Kato's Standard said the President Field Bureau "seems to be misled."

**Own opinion**

Fazio himself, however, did respond even to the criticism that it was his opinion that the room could stay in only if someone formally questioned Mr. Aronson's account.

The SEC is the body mandated by the Constitution to ensure any candidate for high-level appointment to the Supreme Court within 90 days after a vacancy occurs.

considered to choose from the list submitted by the JBC.

Despite the election loss in presidential appointments, Mr. Auer's allies believe that his appointment is critical to the cause.

Some of the airport's visitors came and saw Senate President Jose Pineda Roldán before the appellate courtmen in the top part of the judiciary were without a bid.

But constitutionally, Ty Josephson, owner of the publisher of the 1997 Constitution, has warned that it could be "dangerous" in the legislature to deliberate on the issue without also discussing child abuse.

"This would totally destroy the credibility of the Supreme Court," he said.

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# You'll miss GMA, critics told

By Christine M. Esguerra

YOU'LL MISS HER WHEN SHE'S

Malabon, yesterday awarded opposition figure... for the president for allegedly campaigning at the expense of President Macapagal-Arroyo.

While acknowledging any available, Gary Olivas, deputy president of opposition, applauded them instead to campaign on the strength of their public service records and political records.

"The public should vote for candidates who are not trying to make themselves look good. Candidates should run on a believable platform and not record," he said in a speech.

Olivas said criticism of Ms. Arroyo was heading up ahead of the

Mar 18 elections in which the President, incidentally, is running for Congress in the second district of Pangasinan.

Olivas was apparently reacting to the criticism against the visit of California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger that was being leveled on Wednesday.

The new 6'7-inch-tall man was reportedly taller than Arroyo was going to see following Schwarzenegger's visit to boost her low popularity ratings.

"We're really excited that we would finally see the President," Olivas said.

"After the election when the President is gone and no longer available in the subject of their criticism, their (opponents) candidates' lack of position and ability in lead will eventually be known to

the public," he said. "Perhaps, that's what they are afraid of, that's why they continue to criticize the President."

Schwarzenegger's approved visit to Manila was announced on Thursday by Mark Michel, executive director of the Philippine Overseas Recovery Administration, during a press briefing in Malabon.

"We will be talking in town about the disaster recovery plan," said Michel, who is part of the private sector's rebuilding efforts in the aftermath of Tropical Storm "Tosay" and Typhoon "Pepeng."

But it turned out that Schwarzenegger was the last to know about the visit. The following day his media officers denied that he was scheduled to fly to the Philippines.

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## SC working on 'kalikasan' writ rules

By Marwan Bootad

THE SUPREME COURT HAS STARTED work on the writ of *kalikasan* (nature) that will become the foundation of environmental protection cases.

Chief Justice Peralta Puno told reporters that the court intended that the writ would be on the basis of the rule of *ecore* was working on the second draft of the rules of procedure on environmental cases.

"We have finished the first draft (and) we are now working on the second draft. Hopefully, we can submit this to the court as soon as one or two months later," Puno said reporters. "The idea is to have, in short, the substance of the writ of *ecore*, but this has to be approved by the court first."

Puno's critics asked for terms "Sometime 17."

The Supreme Court in 2009 held a seminar on environmental protection in Baguio City. The seminar was the province of ecology related issues and the large hearing ground in the court was crowded as many of the nation's leading environmentalists and scientists were present. There were more than 1,000 people in attendance for the seminar of 2009.

Puno said that while the writ of *kalikasan* was originally designed as a legal remedy for those who are denied and the writ of *ecore* came from Latin. Another to address to some level with human rights violations, the writ of *kalikasan* is purely Philippine-made.

"We are proud to announce to the world that this writ will protect our right to a balanced and healthy ecology will not mean that the writ of *ecore* is a Latin American country that will come from the Philippines," he said.

Puno said that once adopted, the writ of *kalikasan* would be the equivalent of the writ of *ecore* or the writ of *ecore* in the writ of *ecore* in the writ of *ecore*.

"It is an all-encompassing legal remedy for environmental cases," said lawyers and activists. Court spokeswoman Jose Miller Marasigan.

## Sudoku champion has done it before

NATIONAL SUDOKU CHAMPIONSHIP

South East Asia has done it again.

For the third time, the 17-year-old high school student in Davao City University (DCEU) won the Philippine Sudoku Championship (PSCC) 2009 held in Davao City Friday.

She scored a total of 1,611 points from five rounds in the day-long contest to bag the title, according to Dr. Simon Chen, president of Mathematics Teachers' Guild-Philippines, chief organizer of the competition held at DCEU.

Chen, who is the grand prize winner in the 2008 World's Asia Pacific Sudoku Championship in Singapore, said he was P10,000 and trophy.

She placed second in last year's annual Sudoku International Open in Bangkok.

In this year's PSCC, Matthew Chiu (Chiu from St. Ignace's High School in Manila and Marlon Chan (Chan from Ateneo de Manila University) placed second and third in the Sudoku International Open in Bangkok.

In the Sudoku World Open (the high school students), Timothy James Tan from Trinity Christian School in Davao City placed first, followed by Neil Antonio Hernandez from Holy Trinity Christian School in Cebu City and Ms. Christine Angeles from St. Jude College in Manila.

In the Philat Life division (100-dominant students), Eden Riley Gray from Zephyrus College (the high school) and Zephyrus College (the high school) placed first and second, followed by Joseph Sebastian and Joseph Benjamin from the 100-dominant school, both in Cebu City.

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## Visayas to suffer week-long brownouts

By Heidi F. Borge, Jr.  
 Inquirer Manila

**ILIGOS CITY**—THE VISAYAS IS EXPECTED TO HAVE power interruptions for at least a week starting today due to the shutting down of a major plant in Lepo for maintenance purposes.

The National Grid Corp. of the Philippines (NGCP), an agency on Monday said power distribution services for the 127-megawatt Mactan-Cebu International Airport power plant, which is scheduled to be shut down for maintenance purposes, will be suspended for at least a week.

The Visayas grid, which gets the bulk of its power supply from Lepo, will suffer a decrease in supply up to 200 MW as a result of the shutdown. Grids of other major plants in Cebu, which are undergoing maintenance services, according to NGCP, Visayas' largest transmission office, include: Aboitiz, Cebu.



The Mactan-Cebu International Airport power plant, which is scheduled to be shut down for maintenance purposes, will be suspended for at least a week.

The Visayas grid has already been experiencing occasional brownouts due to a critical power shortage.

The power plants in the Visayas have a dependable capacity from 1,000 MW to 1,500 MW, but the power plant in Lepo, which is scheduled to be shut down for maintenance purposes, will be suspended for at least a week.

This is just slightly more than the peak demand during the dry season, according to the Department of Energy Industry Management Division of the DOE, Visayas Field Office.

Let's go back to the power plant in Lepo, which is scheduled to be shut down for maintenance purposes, will be suspended for at least a week.

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## Seminars allay apprehensions of teachers on automated polls

By Heidi F. Borge, Jr.  
 Inquirer Manila

**ILIGOS CITY**—AT FIRST THERE WERE apprehensions, heated debates and intense emotions, but these were slowly replaced by calm, rational, and logical.

And for a few hours, hundreds of public elementary and high school teachers listened to their children's parents in a room.

"I don't believe how fast it took," said Liza Guevarra, principal of Pulong Pulong Elementary School in Iligan City, 47 km west of Iligan City.

All of them had already received information about the automated polls conducted by the Commission on Elections (Comelec) as the town's local hall in Iligan is one of the first to use the system and implemented a Project Code Option Six (PCOS) machine that would be used in the country's first automated elections on May 15.

Having served as a teacher and later as one of a board of election inspectors (BEI) since the 1980s, Guevarra said the introduction of the PCOS machine would eventually change the way they supervised voting and the conduct of monitoring of votes in their precinct.

"It will significantly reduce our work but the BEI need to know how the machine works," she said.

**'So easy'**  
 The orientation conducted by the Comelec provincial office in Iligan was among the series of "orientation for residents and teachers serving as BEI. But the most series of orientation was the first to use a PCOS machine for the first time and experience.

Teachers facilitated the participants with the process and function of a PCOS machine and the basic operations from placing the security key, inserting the machine, inserting a filled up ballot, in the process of election results.

The participants moved up and moved in the demonstration in front of the hall. "Oh" and "ah" punctuated the room when they saw the ballot being inserted to the machine and the election results printed in just a few seconds.

"It is so easy to use, it's so easy and fast," said Pamela Singson, head teacher II of Pulong Pulong Elementary School, said a BEI said.

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## Mayor allowed to run for Congress

LA TRINIDAD, BENIGUE—THE Commission on Elections (Comelec) has allowed Mayor Mayor Mario Gato to run for representative at Benguet, after its provincial office found to accept his certificate of candidacy (CoC) that was filed late.

The Comelec, in an order issued on Jan. 11, asked its law department to accept Gato's CoC and let him as a candidate.

But while the Comelec accepted the CoC, it did not allow him to run.

"I am glad that the Comelec at least decided in my favor. It's good that the decision was issued really close many of my supporters were upset when my CoC was rejected. The

right decision," Gato told the Inquirer on Thursday.

Talanga refused to accept Gato's CoC when the process he said he filed it did not present a special power of attorney (SPA).

Gato's representative, Sandy Galdo, filed the CoC at 11:58 p.m. of Jan. 1 last year, two months before the deadline.

But before the CoC was accepted, a reporter, who was in the Comelec office, told officials that Galdo signed Gato's SPA.

The officials asked Galdo to submit an SPA, but Galdo could not show any. The SPA said Galdo was on his way to the Comelec office.

Talanga refused to accept Gato's CoC since he arrived at the Comelec

office at 12:18 p.m. of Dec. 2.

Gato signed Talanga's SPA, saying he was just around the Comelec office being interviewed by a reporter.

Talanga, after consulting with lawyer Oliver Torres, Comelec regional director field his ground.

Gato filed an appeal. The Commission had departmental appeal Talanga's decision.

A member of La Trinidad City Council, Jack Delano (Independent Party), lawyer Lito Agos (Independent) and La Trinidad Councilman Thomas Thomas (Independent) in Bulakan, the Comelec second district.

video showed the CoC of Mayor Mayor Gato being signed by the official list of candidates.

But Torres said there were discrepancies in the rulings issued by the Comelec, he said. His department had earlier allowed him to file his CoC because his SPA was from 2004 to 2007 and filed from 2007 to 2010 were not about this in four suspension orders.

"I filed my CoC in good faith," he said. Mayor Gato, Inspector Norberto Larios, with a report from Governor Reyes, Inspector General Larios.



UNUSED CLASSROOM

A pupil goes at a classroom in San Antonio Elementary School in the night. Handwritten sign, Legaspi, that was left outside after the school was closed.

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- ☒ planted more than 1 million trees

## Na-check na namin siya!

## Wanted: 100 midwives for Tawi-Tawi

CORONADO CITY—DOWNTOWN HAS BEEN based on a massive listing of midwives to address the need for midwives and maternal health services in infant and maternal health services.

On Monday, the provincial government launched "Project 100 Midwives," an outreach program aimed at deploying 100 midwives across the province.

"Building is an acronym for Building Infrastructure through Infrastructure for Enhancement of Services," said Gov. Rody Duterte III.

He said the midwives would be deployed in "the most critical and underserved barangays" (municipalities) in the province.

Duterte is one of the five component provinces of the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (ARMM), which, according to government data, has the highest rate of infant and maternal deaths.

"Our provincial government is cognizant of the need for a more aggressive approach to address the poor state of maternal and child health services in the province," Duterte said.

He said the provincial office was aiming at reducing maternal deaths from 20 to 10, and infant deaths from 250 to 100 per thousand of live births.

Quoting statistics, he said the ARMM had a maternal mortality rate (MMR) of 220 per 1,000 live births in 2007, while the risk of women elsewhere in the country (172 per 1,000 live births).

In the earlier region, only 42 percent of the women who died of maternal causes received medical attention, he said, quoting the 2004 Survey of the National Maternity Office.

"The death of a mother is heartbreaking, it has many consequences, not least of which is the increased vulnerability of survival of her children and her newborn child is most likely to be lost," he said. Duterte II, former mayor, Inspector General Larios.

## Troops continue looking for guns in Ampatuan farms

CORP SONICORP (PILIPINAS) - SECURITY forces looking for more hidden firearms that could have been used in the Nov. 23 massacre of 17 people in Ampatuan town have continued digging through the farms of a half-brother of Sulu province governor Abdul

Chief Insp. Remy Dapangan, Ampatuan police spokesman said, on Friday said the search was prompted by reports that more guns might have been found in the residential and farm lands of Ampatuan and his relatives.

Dapangan said a provincial government spokesman said that among the guns found was a 9mm automatic rifle in the house of a local official.

"Initially, Dapangan brought the firearms inside the farm compound. He will be in the vicinity for protection," Dapangan said.

A previous search on a property owned by Dapangan's wife Lito in the town of Ampatuan yielded 15 automatic rifles.

"All these firearms will undergo ballistic examination. However, they appeared to have temporal serial numbers. A ballistic comparison will show if they were used in the mass murders," Dapangan said.

North Luzon Region Police 30 said the province would begin to conduct all-terrain raiding operations in the town to overthrow their firearms in the military.

This would shape suspicion that the group was also used in the massacre, Dapangan said.

Gov. Duterte, incumbent, commander of the Army's 7th Infantry Division, said the commander of more than 50 troops showed the security of the local government said of North Luzon Region Police 30 said the group was also used in the massacre, Dapangan said.



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# Edwards' ex-mistress asks return of 'very private' video

HILLSDALE, N.J.—Michelle Williams, the ex-mistress of former presidential candidate John McCain, is asking for the return of a "very private and personal" videotape taken from a hotel suite while she was in a brief affair with the politician, according to a court document obtained Friday by The Associated Press.

Edwards himself was granted a temporary restraining order against Williams in January 2008, after she allegedly stalked him in New York City. The order, which is still in effect, prohibits Williams from contacting Edwards or his family, including his children and grandchildren, including one who she met in 2008 while working for him.

Williams, 40, says she and the former North Carolina senator are not in contact. She says she is "very private" and that she is "not interested in being a public figure." She says she is "not interested in being a public figure" and that she is "not interested in being a public figure."



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## High January death rate signals tough year ahead in Afghan war

KABUL—THE AFGHAN war has ended up another ghastly record, with the number of international troops due to die in the fight against the Taliban the highest for the month of January since the war began.

With more than 100 deaths, the number of international troops killed in Afghanistan this year, analysts and officials are warning the death toll of the war is rising sharply. The number of deaths in January is a sign of a dangerous trend.

The record death toll comes as the Taliban government and its supporters are pushing for a new constitution. The Taliban are pushing for a new constitution. The Taliban are pushing for a new constitution.

The 113,000 troops fighting the Taliban under US and NATO command are being supplemented with another 40,000 as troops up to 200,000, to fight with and train up Afghanistan's army.

January's foreign troop deaths, compared with 25 in January 2009.

The number of Americans who died last month in the conflict was 10, the highest since the war began.

"This year will be the most fighting year in the last 20 years of war, because the soldiers are being deployed here and not coming up (in) the line of a battle," said a Taliban spokesman.

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## US suspends airlift of Haiti quake victims

MIAMI—THE UNITED STATES has suspended its medical evacuation of critically injured Haitian earthquake victims as it disputes over who will pay for their care in a remote, military official says Friday.

The military flight, usually C-130s carrying thousands with ground troops, Haiti and other areas, ended on Wednesday after the US, Haiti's Prime Minister Jean-Michel Martelly said the military would not be able to pay for the victims.

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## 16 dead in Pakistan suicide bombing

KABUL—A SUICIDE bomber killed 16 people in a suicide bombing in a shopping mall in Pakistan's capital city of Islamabad, officials said Friday.

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## Hamas official assassinated in Dubai hotel

KABUL, YEMEN—THE ISRAELI military group Hamas said Friday that one of its senior officials was assassinated in a hotel in Dubai, United Arab Emirates.

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## With recall expanding, Toyota gives an apology

DETROIT—THE PRESIDENT of Toyota Motor Corp. said Friday that his company's recall of 2009-2010 Toyota Camrys was a mistake and that the company was sorry.

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## Blair evidence sets up Brown for grilling on Iraq

LONDON—TWO BLAIR-era inquiries into Britain's Iraq war involvement, by a lack of any evidence, sets up Tony Blair for grilling on Iraq.

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## Napocor to bid out P15B worth of fuel contracts

Auction set for Feb. 22

By Andy R. Warner

**JOHN DEERE SATELITE POWER**  
Corp. awarded a \$100-million contract for the supply and delivery of fuel oil to gas-  
at plants, independent power  
producers (IPPs) and multiple  
unit group (MUG) in  
the Midwest.

Due to COVID-19 concerns, the fund will be used from March to December this year.

Investments showed that Japan's power plants, bridges and SF facilities in the main grid would need \$4,025 billion of lost oil and diesel, worth \$932 billion.

Headline TETRA lines of fixed and direct worth 14.94 billion would be needed via the SPUK or the government's off-pay costs.

SEPA is Japan's voluntary electricity act, providing electricity to remote islands and far-flung territories that are not connected to any of the main grids. The government, through Japan, subsidizes the cost of power in SEPA. It subtly encourages producers that sell power to remote

It will be an open competitive bidding using construction

page full criteria as specified in the 2008 Part A of BA 2004. The decision is recorded on Figure 20 (yes/no) paragraph 4, report 2004/2005.

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Nigeria has awarded two contracts worth P1.2 billion to the November and December 2000. Several companies such as Fluor

(Soil Remediation Corp., Fenton Corp., Chemtron Philippines, Fertilizer Resources Inc. and FMC Philippines Corp.)

## STI starts 2-year, P1-B expansion plan

By David E. Burdick

THE STI GROUP, WHICH OPERATES a nationwide chain of private schools, is embarking on a \$7.66 billion, seven-year expansion program.

After doubling its student base in the last seven years to 64,000 as of last year, STI is targeting to serve 130,000 students in the next five years. STI president Monica Lucifora explains Friday at the sale of the assets of affiliate Phil HealthCare Inc.

The 11 office expansion just off last year with the building of a \$200-million new facility in the Rockville/Chesapeake City.

EEA is also relinquishing the property it is leasing to El Paso.

The IT group operates 74 tertiary campuses, 19 pre-university grade schools and one high school serving a student population of 64,000.

Asked about recent trends in course preferences for college students, Jacobs said nursing was no longer well-known as the champ in demand from the United States, the world's biggest economy.

"But food and restaurant management (3 BAAs) is very strong and IT (instrumental technology) are strong in the universities."

He said STI could pursue the expansion program without having to raise new funds. The group was already close to underwriting a \$2 billion IPO but the stock market turned bad in 2008, prompting STI to delay the plan.

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## Say goodbye to rising costs

## Toyota sees 8% sales growth this year

By Richard L. Stroup, Ph.D.

**INDUSTRY GAINS TRIPLED.** Mazda Philippines Corp. aims to sell 10,000 vehicles this year, 5.2 percent more than the

8,770 units is sold in 2009. "By an extension on Friday, 2010 president Michelus Napas said the company was setting a new sales record this year."

"I think we have a chance to achieve this. We're now seeing signs of an improving market," he told reporters. "That, including the Philippines, was not here by the financial crisis. We've been seeing signs of recovery since October so there really are no traps, no traps to be Philippines."

TMI has chosen Allied Ty used in a separate interview that the firm would rather handle in-house until this year, considering how its competitors were looking to expand their share of the market.

It said the shrinking of the TFP market share was a result of the expanding automotive sector, which now had more brands and more models competing for the Filipino consumer. On a related note,

"We're happy with our 2009 performance, we're happy with our Triple Crown. The industry is growing, and our competition are also bringing more muscle into the market. We'd much rather see the industry grow than continue to be one of the market share in a very small market," he said.

"But we don't take our market share (decline) lightly. We have to improve our planning and our forecasting of our sales volume. We should be satisfied with the current numbers. We will continue to launch new models and give our customers the best products."

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# InfoTech

## New Microsoft software puts the 'smart' in smartphones

By Paul G. Montello

**M**ICROSOFT STARTED the year with quite a bang following the launch of a new operating system that it hopes would increase its presence in the country's increasingly mobile phone market.

In a Washington Post report, Microsoft Philippines gave members of the media their first look at 15 new smartphones from its different companies, that would run on the new Windows Mobile operating system.

The company said the new Windows-powered phones would enable users to navigate their phones only with the touch of their fingers and harness the Internet on the screen's

new and improved multitouch interface.

"Our goal is to keep people connected to each other whenever they want it, wherever they are. Through Windows phones, we are giving people access to their lives by preparing and applications, even if they're on the move," said Andre Iijima of Microsoft Philippines.

Iijima also lauded the company's connectivity capabilities, saying he has seen people in Manila, said the new line of phones could be perfect for people who work anytime, anywhere.

"A Windows phone enables them to bring their digital information—contacts, appointments, and calendar—anywhere they go," Iijima said.

The ability to use Postscript and open Microsoft Office files are among the new features of the latest

CHERRY Mobile

Windows Mobile.

MyPhone, a new Windows Mobile device, helps people manage and look up available information stored on their phones with the use of a Web portal, providing access to social and other content online in the form of a list or categorized photos.

People can also publish their photos from their MyPhone also on their phones directly in Windows Live, Facebook, MySpace and Flickr.

A new article browser, people can go online and browse the latest news from their phone from when it was last synchronized. To save a photo is more or less, the owner can also go to the facility phone or using a PC to access a look that last photos.

It also features an improved user interface, focusing on larger touch and the ability to run through charts to accomplish tasks quickly.

Another new feature worth noting is the Internet Explorer Mobile Version, an application built to software requirements, providing a better experience similar to what users can get out of their PCs.

Phones running on the new Windows Mobile available in the Philippines include models from top brands like Samsung, HTC, Sony Ericsson, LG, Acer and more/Cherry Mobile.

"In today's mobile world, our tasks are defined by where we are... By being more productive, we have time to do the things we want," Iijima said.



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## Slim and sexy laptop

Test and review by Charles E. Bohan

NETBOOKS ARE GREAT

"They don't take much space and their light weight makes them so convenient to carry around. In low price is another advantage."

However, netbooks's so tiny is so small that a standard LCD screen requires a lot of space and about 10" is required with a low power processor and limited hard drive capacity. There's not much you can do with it.

Enter another kind of tiny laptop that hopes to address netbook's shortcomings.

Like netbooks, they don't include an integrated optical drive for CDs or DVDs.

But unlike netbooks, a slim laptop's screen is as wide as most standard laptops and their keyboards is about almost identical.

Review

One of the best examples is of course Apple's MacBook Air.

But considering its hefty price (nearly \$1,000) the arrival of the 5.6-inch screen laptop from Taiwan-based Acer that is somewhat thinner than those with limited budget to consider buying online laptop.

With a price tag of around \$35,000, Acer's X400 is an attractive option. It is powered by an ultra-low-voltage Intel (1.4GHz) processor, equipped with a 32GB hard drive and 2GB DDR2 memory as well as a 1.3-megapixel webcam, Wi-Fi connectivity and 4GB 4000 integrated video with HDMI output.

It comes with a Windows Vista, which is a member of netbooks' family.

Easier to work with

The X400 also found the 6400 to be much easier to work with, thanks to its built-in screen that is not attached to the system, it means a better view of the screen that you can type on for long periods without feeling the stress in your hands.

But like netbooks, the X400 is also light, weigh-



ITS slim profile makes the X400 unique and attractive

ing just 1.5 lb. Add that to a slim profile—just 0.45 in or less thin and its sleek design is a big win for a laptop.

The most selling point of the X400 is its ultra-thin design, reminiscent of MacBook Air. But unlike the MacBook Air, the X400 does not use lightweight materials in its case.

Solid enough

Nevertheless, the plastic body feels well made and solid enough for daily use. One issue though is the keyboard—a little flimsy for this writer's hands, while typing, some of the keys bounce slightly. The accuracy isn't also as good as clearly.

The X400 comes with a 4-cell battery which is designed to power the X400 for three to four hours.

While the X400 and the rest of the 5.6-inch series is still the first step towards the ultimate laptop, the company was able to successfully provide an affordable computing platform in a portable package.

So, if you are looking for a different look and different form factor, the X400 is a very solid bet.



THE X400 is light enough to be carried around

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# BUSINESS

## Budget gap seen hitting P300B in '10

### UBS says gov't can issue more bonds

By Rosal W. Domingo

THE COUNTRY'S BUDGET DEFICIT COULD reach P300 billion in 2010 for the government, according to UBS Investor, with revenue mainly given a wide room for bond issuances.

The government originally set its budget deficit ceiling for the year at P203 billion, but this was later raised to P250 billion.

The Swiss-based investment research firm said in its latest study on the Philippine peso that a rising economic growth rate was expected to allow some improvement in revenue collection this year.

"The market will likely have to swallow a lot more government supply in 2010 than in 2009," said UBS economist Richard Tschudi.

Tschudi said he based such assumption on the country's loose monetary policy, strong capital inflows and steady demand, savings implied by the current account balance, which UBS estimated at almost 6 percent of gross domestic product and the first quarter of 2009.

In its policy meeting last week, the Monetary Board decided to keep its borrowing and lending rates at 6 percent and 8 percent, respectively.

Also, Tschudi said the government would have no problem in issuing bonds because of the huge government deposit with the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas, which rose to

reached an amount of P150 billion.

Bond supply for 2010, said to be increased further if actual economic growth falls short of the target or if previous bond efforts fail to raise more P50 billion as planned.

Tschudi said the risk of falling to private government shares in PACC, Energy Development Corp. (which were valued at about P15 billion), a large chunk of the food terminal inc. property P12 billion and a prime real estate in the Pulaan district in Manila, Japan, may be higher if there was no economic efforts to sell any of these assets before the May election.

The rising prime sector demand for credit, as the economy recovers and more new opportunities become more attractive, can pose another challenge, he said.

The economist noted that banks might opt to lend more to businesses than by government securities because the yields on private sector debt were higher.

"However, the growth in the banking sector's deposit accounts remains strong, implying sufficient balance sheet growth to accommodate both an increase in credit and holdings of government bonds," Tschudi said.

"Meanwhile, as private sector credit demand strengthens, so we think it will, government bond yields will likely edge higher as the competition for funds intensifies," he added.



William Cab, Yellow Cab Operations Manager, Roy Sanguino, Marketing Manager, and John Sanguino, Marketing Manager, standing in front of a Pizza OnCall storefront.



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It's true that PLDT has issued "sorry numbers" like 1111 and 11111 for some recall to different place delivery companies for quick access, but now Yellow Cab Pizza has an edge, and may win the next war because it has a state-of-the-art. Upon launch, single number call center set-up along with its distinct graphics, identity, locally coded calling, the cool wings delivery system, and also gives convenience to complement the yellow cab's long-established store design. The company now has better product recall with the new one-number system, courtesy of PLDT's OnCall service.

"We are actually looking for a one-number system since last year. We found this solution that's best for Yellow Cab Pizza. PLDT introduced OnCall to us. We looked at their offering early this year and we decided to introduce it to customers. Roy Sanguino, Yellow Cab Pizza Operations Manager, is made calling more efficient. Customers can call just one number, the support team calls to come to the next few seconds."

Now, one number of Yellow Cab Pizza means up to 250 calls a day. That's time for pizza orders are immediately handled, orders are placed and extend all the way to midnight. One of their delivery vans for call center agents, office workers during overtime, and weekend orders.

OnCall is part of the ongoing improvement of their business system. By placing better delivery, all over the Philippines, Yellow Cab Pizza delivers 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

PLDT OnCall is a fully managed contact center solution that offers a complete spectrum of customer service applications, large capacity platform and a highly secure and fully redundant telecom infrastructure. It is the only complete locally based



contact center solution using technology provided by industry leaders, and is readily available on an Open-based arrangement.

OnCall delivery contact center applications cover PLDT's core managed infrastructure, network, managed security and reliability, using dedicated servers to increase efficiency and eliminate the risk of failure. It provides a full contact center deployment (IP Telephony, Interactive Voice Response (IVR), Call Recording, Predictive System (Dialing), Computer Telephony Integration (CTI) and Multi-Channel Routing.

PLDT OnCall is a powerful solution for contact centers and is best for international, customer service, technical support, computer hotline, hotel reservations, flight bookings, and it suits the needs of Yellow Cab Pizza very well.

"We are also looking into other PLDT solutions, so customers can pay for deliveries through the wireless credit or debit card payment system with Revenue Institute, Yellow Cab Pizza Marketing Manager Sanguino for starters to be able to accept all major A/C debit and credit cards. From anywhere, OnCall is perfect for a pizza delivery service."

Since 2007, Yellow Cab Pizza has introduced its various PLDT solutions and services such as direct lines, and Internet connectivity, integrating the 16 Yellow Cab Pizza branches through OnCall.

Now, concludes, "Good thing we are already connected with OnCall from PLDT. Next we want to connect the provincial stores to our main office in Manila."



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# ATR KimEng '09's top broker

ATR KIMENG SECURITIES INC. (ATRSE) Securities, the leading Philippine-owned brokerage house, ranked first among the trading participants in the Philippine Stock Exchange (PSE) in terms of value transacted for the year 2009.

In a report by the PSE, ATRSE broker-investor recorded a total turnover value of P375 billion for 2009, as compared to P300 billion in 2008. Foreign investors, CLSA Philippines and Deutsche Bank, ranked second and third for the year with market shares of 4.65 percent and 2.99 percent, respectively.

The exchange's total market value in turnover for 2009 was at P1.99 trillion, up 30 percent from the P1.53 trillion recorded in the previous year. The Philippine Stock Ex-

change Index (PSEI) increased by 63 percent to 2009.

"The extensive local and international distribution networks, supported by our experienced sales and research staff, allowed us to sign sales on the increase in trading volume at the stock exchange this past year," said ATRSE Securities president Lorraine Rosas. "Our expertise and experience, as well, in increasingly narrowing order flows for listed companies made us the broker of choice for our customers. The equity markets remain challenging but we hope to see even greater market activity in 2010," he added.

ATRSE Securities provides research, sales, and securities capitalization to listed companies and institutional and retail clients, bank, insurance and

finance. The company was recently named Best Domestic Broker by *Investment*, ATR's leading financial publication, in its 2009 Country Awards for Brokerages.

ATRSE Securities is the exclusive brokerage agent publicly listed ATR Global Financial Corp., an investment holding company located in the United States, whose operating divisions and affiliates have been named in the national markets, insurance, and real estate.

To identify senior subsidiary, ATR Global Capital Partners Inc., is the country's largest independent investment bank. Through its parent company, ATR Global Capital, a publicly listed company in Singapore, the Group equity capital markets division serves throughout Southeast Asia, Europe and North America.



METROBANK ACCREDITED BY BSP AS PROVIDENT FUND TRUSTEE

Metrobank Bank & Trust Company (Metrobank) was recently appointed as a local managing agent for the BNP Paribas Group in the Philippines (BNP Paribas Group). Metrobank Bank & Trust Company (Metrobank) is a member of the BNP Paribas Group, a global financial institution with a long history of providing financial services to its clients. Metrobank Bank & Trust Company (Metrobank) is a member of the BNP Paribas Group, a global financial institution with a long history of providing financial services to its clients. Metrobank Bank & Trust Company (Metrobank) is a member of the BNP Paribas Group, a global financial institution with a long history of providing financial services to its clients.

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# Tanghal: 4th student theater festival opens arts month

THE HIGHLIGHT OF THE UPWARDING arts achievements of various city-based theater groups, the National Commission for Culture and the Arts, through the National Commission on Dramatic Arts headed by Dr. Gloria Alcala, will be holding Tanghal, the fourth National University and College Theater Festival from Feb. 1 to Feb. 10 as part of the Philippine International Arts Festival (PIAF).

The event will feature exceptional theater performances by student artists and will be followed by a series of theater activities. The event will also feature the participation of theater groups in symposiums and lectures on theater in the Philippines and the role of theater in society. The event will also feature the participation of theater groups in symposiums and lectures on theater in the Philippines and the role of theater in society.

This year, Tanghal will have its opening games on Feb. 1, starting from Quezon Avenue going to the La Salle University, the host school of this year's festival. It will be followed by the opening games on Feb. 2, starting from Quezon Avenue going to the La Salle University, the host school of this year's festival. It will be followed by the opening games on Feb. 2, starting from Quezon Avenue going to the La Salle University, the host school of this year's festival.

# Venue set for 'commercializable' Pinoy tech

THE TECHNOLOGY KNOWLEDGE Center (TKC) is providing a venue for "commercializable" Philippine technologies and concepts and is launching programs, incentives, research and development, and training programs to help inventors and the business community to take and/or develop the technology.

TKC, Director General Dennis L. Gansan, said that "Technology Knowledge Center (TKC) is providing a venue for 'commercializable' Philippine technologies and concepts and is launching programs, incentives, research and development, and training programs to help inventors and the business community to take and/or develop the technology."

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# Romancing the luggage

TRAVELING IS MUCH LIKE FALLING IN LOVE—it is that first joy that comes with the first love.

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But with Luggage's emphasis on appearance, ergonomics and ergonomics in such of their bag designs, they're sure to be the first love of many.

"Luggage is the first love that comes with the first love. Luggage is the first love that comes with the first love. Luggage is the first love that comes with the first love."

Now about 50 years old, in the first half of the 20th century, Luggage has evolved from the world's most popular suitcase manufacturer into a global brand.

Each Luggage bag goes through a rigorous process of design, development, and testing. Each Luggage bag goes through a rigorous process of design, development, and testing. Each Luggage bag goes through a rigorous process of design, development, and testing.

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# Burlington, PBA: a solid partnership

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For more details and inquiries, call the CCP Box Office at 832-2704 or 832-1123. See 102B or visit the CCP website at [www.ccp.gov.ph](http://www.ccp.gov.ph)

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## Tragic poet Miguel Hernández remembered in musical tribute

As Spain takes over the European Union presidency, Instituto Cervantes de Manila presents a cello concert to mark the centenary of the poet of the Spanish civil war

**FOR AN EVENING** of musical and poetic tributes to the tragic poet Miguel Hernández, Instituto Cervantes de Manila presents "Music and Poetry with Miguel Hernández," a cello concert featuring Pío del Valle, composed of cello duo, flute, guitar, and violin. The concert will be held on February 1, 2010, at Instituto Cervantes de Manila.

As part of the celebration of Spain's presidency of the European Union, Instituto Cervantes will bring the charm and

high quality of the arts and incorporate it with Spanish poet Miguel Hernández's poems.

The concert also kicks off a series of cultural events honoring Hernández on his birth centenary. These events will be held throughout the year, including with the official inauguration of Instituto Cervantes Library in Manila.

The library's repertoire will be divided into two sets: "Poetry," consisting of songs composed by Miguel Hernández, and "Music,"

**Pío del Valle**, composed of cello duo, flute, guitar, and violin.



## WHAT'S ON AT ROBINSONS



**Charge** by Pío del Valle

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## Cee Jay Javier: From classic to rock

'Rent' opens Feb. 5 at RCBC Plaza

By **Arnela Ma. Guerrero**  
 Contributor

**DISCOVERED IN THE QUIETNESS** of his graduation years at the University of Santo Tomas Conservatory of Music was Sergei Prokofiev's Piano Concerto No. 2, Cee Jay Javier, 32, made his debut as a pianist. He did not let a Master's degree in music in the United States stop him from pursuing his passion.

In fact, UST Music Dean Rodolfo had encouraged him.

But the heart of Cee, as well as the heart of his, belonged to the piano of Sergei Prokofiev, who had set up a piano in his room.



**'RENT' musical director Javier**

For Cee Jay Javier, the heart of his belonged to the piano of Sergei Prokofiev, who had set up a piano in his room.

## New Rep comedy has many 'kilig' moments

By **Walter Ang**  
 Contributor

**COPIES WHO WANT TO DO** something more than the usual dinner movie come the new comedy 'Rent' (Feb. 5 at RCBC Plaza). The film is a comedy about a group of friends who are struggling to survive in a world where the only way to get ahead is to be a comedian.

"There's romance, it's a comedy about a group of friends who are struggling to survive in a world where the only way to get ahead is to be a comedian," says Rep executive producer director Ang.

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**FROM BOOK TO FILM**

THE HITTED movie is brought to life in the Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs movie.

**By Jordan Mar'S. de Leon**  
Contributor

## 'Cloudy' is a gigantic food fest for the whole family

**THEORY: MAKE YOUR DISPELLAS AND ENJOY YOUR DISPELLAS, IT'S RAINING 'FOOD' OUT.**

Adapted from Jeff Kinney and Tim Liner's children's book of the same title, "Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs" is a computer animated feature film about a young scientist who tries to solve world hunger through his imagination.

After rain in a hot, flat landscape (created by Bill Flader) has always seemed to mean something that would change the world but has instead been dismissed as merely strange.

One day, one of his inventions, a machine that captures food out of clouds, accidentally clouds into the sky and makes it rain food. He goes into a mad race for his balloons, but when the clouds bring from the sky he must invent.

The plot is very straightforward, fast-paced and doesn't attempt to make movies have taken from the book, such as character names and certain elements.

The 3D movie for a non-Pearl film, an amazing and well-received. The characters are animated in such a way that they appear pretty convincingly appropriate to the world. Most of all, the thought of having real, organic food fall from the sky is really really exciting if not worth watching it. It is a fun movie that can easily be the imagination of both adults and children alike.


The best film, not exactly realistic, but his character for his imagination and his pretty personality are highly amusing. His relationship with his father, who is a scientist, is a nice personal touch, although the latter becomes a bit of a cliché in the end.

There's also Flader's dad, Tim, who can't connect with and doesn't approve of his son's weird inventions, something that about one year can make it.

At the end of the film, you may find that the movie is a bit of a mess, but it's a chance of Meatballs' isn't about the right with a chance of one more personal. One of the best 3D movies of the year.



**"CLOUDY" with a Chance of Meatballs** is about a young scientist who tries to solve world hunger.



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# THE COUNTRY'S TOP ARTISTS GATHERED AT THE FIRST EVER URBAN MUSIC AWARDS!

In partnership with Wave 891 FM, Watchpad streamed the Urban Music Awards LIVE last Friday, January 22, 2010 at the Central Plaza of the Eastwood Mall!



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A high-kick routine of South Border – new singer Rits Unzueta, with singers Duran & Vico, with Jay Limbo



Best Female RBL Artist Award recipient RBL Jay, with a soulful number



South Border's lead man and myView featured artist Jay Duran, awards the award for Most Influential RBL Star

#### The Urban Music Awards Winners

**PERFORMER OF THE YEAR:**

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## The sweetest things these stars did for love

**BEING THE BURNING FUR:** That I am, I can't help but wear this pre-Melvin costume to kick off the love month. I asked some celebs about the sexiest thing they ever did to someone.

Hopkins: In  
science, the word

we only hope that in the eyes of those who don't know how to love. What we love, we take one big leap into the unknown. No matter where we land or how hard, we could not have done otherwise. As my mom Michael Jackson kept repeating in "This Is It," it's all for love. C. J. C.

**MELISSA QUARANTO:** "Some-  
one special stepped from New  
York to Hong Kong, 77 hours  
with a one-hour layover:  
Hong Kong to Manila, one  
hour; Manila to Kailua, one  
hour; Kailua to California,  
three-hour bus ride; Cali-  
fornia to Germany, 20-minute  
boat ride. He arrived at 11  
p.m. He attended 26 hours  
and visited 14 houses in suc-  
cession with the hope of winn-  
ing by the beach, dancing to  
the music and kissing me under  
the stars."

**FRANK, NORMAN:** "I placed raw pencils all over the floor all the way to the bedroom and when she opened the door, some of the pencils, tears and plant matter kept coming out."

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with my friends Judy Ann (sister) and Flynn Agnew (bro) for a beautiful Valley dinner with Regina and post-Judy crowned Gianni and Flynn took the pie. Regina drove tonight, too a ticket to watch "The Woods" at the Museum. I told her it's the thought that counts. Mailed

**ARA MINA:** "When we were starting out, I arranged some private sessions with some men and I knew how to handle an HIV man. I find it is most when he wants the sex or taking off the condom."

**CHRISTIAN BAEYENS:** "One thing I am sure and am proud of, I still celebrated my love for her by being there for her on her special day with a surprise gift of me. She surprised me with a special gift that I always treasure, even though I never told her that."

**PINKIELLA BARNARD:** "I can never forget when someone brought me to 'Club for Mature Men.' He brought me a pink dress by Randy Ortiz to wear that night. He proposed there, showed a credit which was full of some points. I took him home to follow and we parted after. We're remained good friends, we still talk about that moment today."

DUNN, 62, "There was this guy working on wheels I hadn't seen in a while because he was in Singapore for work. The day he was scheduled to fly home, I had to leave for Cuba for a show. Of course he'd slip off his I didn't know him. That puts me more or less arrested in Miami, he took the phone to Cuba to surprise me. I was shocked when I got back—of all my shows that he was there waiting for me with champagne."

...AND MONICA: "I bet all the models go on diets all so I could do all the looking at home for the job."

I was doing. I made everything from scratch. Working her entire life, she cooked and I prepared. was one of the sweetest nights I've ever seen."

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## Adamsonian wrests gold at 25th Sea Games

MARIAN MANUEL, a PROVERBIAL SIEGE (March) wrestled a student of Adamson University (AU) to win the gold medal in the 55kg category at last year's 25th Southeast Asian Games held at the 14th International Trade Exhibition and Conference Center in Manila, Luzon. He, 19, is a student of the college wrestling team and was among the best Semarapang group of athletes from the Philippines, tagging other and former students in every weight category by representing AU. A clean and technical wrestler, he was a former knockout of his Lariano opponent, who retired for the bronze, and later on proved to be a formidable foe in the discipline of wrestling.

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## Nobel Laureate delivers lecture on 'Science For Peace'

PROFESSOR TORBEN H. WISSE, 19th Nobel Laureate in Medicine, will deliver a public lecture titled "Science For Peace" at the 14th International Trade Exhibition and Conference Center in Manila, Luzon. He is a member of the Philippine national wrestling team and was a member of the Philippine national wrestling team.

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## SGS recommends TUA for ISO 9001:2008

THE TUA UNIVERSITY IS AGRUING TO IMPLEMENT A QUALITY management system audit through the renowned SGS Philippines Inc. at the 14th International Trade Exhibition and Conference Center in Manila, Luzon. He is a member of the Philippine national wrestling team and was a member of the Philippine national wrestling team.

## CEU students 1st runner-up in Bids competition

THE COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING (CEU) students of the College of Engineering (CEU) were the 1st runner-up in the Bids competition held at the 14th International Trade Exhibition and Conference Center in Manila, Luzon. He is a member of the Philippine national wrestling team and was a member of the Philippine national wrestling team.

## FAITH offers free computer animation seminar

THE FAITH INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY (FAITH) is offering a free computer animation seminar to high school students at the 14th International Trade Exhibition and Conference Center in Manila, Luzon. He is a member of the Philippine national wrestling team and was a member of the Philippine national wrestling team.

## UP alumni give international recognition

THE UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES (UP) alumni are giving international recognition to the 14th International Trade Exhibition and Conference Center in Manila, Luzon. He is a member of the Philippine national wrestling team and was a member of the Philippine national wrestling team.

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THE UNIVERSITY OF THE EAST (UE) has upgraded its IT infrastructure to support its academic and administrative needs. He is a member of the Philippine national wrestling team and was a member of the Philippine national wrestling team.

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## MSUEU 2010 Search for Outstanding Alumni

THE MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY OF EASTERN UTAH (MSUEU) is conducting a search for outstanding alumni to be honored at the 14th International Trade Exhibition and Conference Center in Manila, Luzon. He is a member of the Philippine national wrestling team and was a member of the Philippine national wrestling team.

## LEON ARRIA JOB FAIR

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## UP Diliman Debate Society conquers 2009

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